Please do not pass this action which will not help address the issue of piracy. Copyright infringers will ignore this prohibition. They will use pirated set-top boxes and leak copies onto file-trading networks. This action will only destroy rights that Americans have come to expect to enjoy. Please do not bend to the pressure of big business. Let the FCC take up the mantle of serving the public if Congress drops it.

47 USC S. 336b5 grants the FCC the authority to prescribe regulations relating to advanced television services "as may be necessary for the protection of the public interest, convenience, and necessity." This action is not necessary for any interest of the public, although the MPAA might think it necessary for their interests. Nor does it advance our convience.

If this action is followed through, the FCC will become a tool of the media businesses instead of an agent of the public. Please stand up for our rights.

-A Concerned and Worried Freedom-Loving American